

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

## ***THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP***

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Pianist: Donna Fenton

September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

***"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if it lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another." -Mark 9:49-50***

*As we gather, we are mindful of the fact that we meet on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Treaty Six First Nations and the traditional home of the Métis.*

*We are grateful for the hospitality we have received as settlers in this place and recommit ourselves to the work of reconciliation and building good relations with the First Peoples of this land.*



Preparation for Worship:

As the Christ Candle is lit, we invite you to observe a time of quiet reflection prior to our service.

Welcome and Announcements

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

## **WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

Call to Worship

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord our God,

**All: the maker of heaven and earth.**

One: God our Maker is present with us at all times,

**All: loving and gracious to all.**

One: So, we come to worship God as we follow in the way of truth.

**All: We offer our prayers and praise to the One who is freedom and life.**

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:**

***"How firm a foundation"***

**#685**

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent word! What more can God say than to you hath been said, to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?



You are older than the world can be. You are younger than the life in me. Ever old and ever new, keep me travelling along with you.

*Refrain*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 124

James 5: 13-20

Mark 9: 38-50

Leader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "Working Together" -The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Invitation to the Offering

Doxology (#830) and Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below:  
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

Offertory Prayer

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord in your mercy...

**All: Hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME**

**Praise: "Come sing, O church, in joy!" #757**

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song! For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme, empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend, let wisdom be our guide, as we in mission magnify the Crucified! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song! For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Benediction and Sung Response

**Amen, Amen, A - - men.**

## Announcements

In recognition of the **NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION**, the church offices will be closed on Thursday, September 30.



The leadership of St. Andrew's is aware of the changing Covid-19 situation, as well as the presence of the "4th wave" in our city.

Last Tuesday, **the Session moved to continue with in-person as well as online worship for the time being.** We will continue to closely monitor the situation and communicate any future decisions to the congregation.

For those attending in-person worship, **MASKS ARE NOW MANDATORY** until further notice.

We thank you for your help and prayers as we strive to provide a safe worship environment for all.

Blessings,

Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The **PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE** will meet on Tuesday September 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. by teleconference.

Next Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, is World Communion Sunday, and we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.



The next **FundScrip** order is due **SUNDAY**, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Help earn money for St. Andrew's without spending any extra cash! Buy grocery or gas gift cards for stores and gas stations where you already shop, and St. Andrew's will receive a percentage of the sale! Contact Arline Sanderson (306-955-0610) for full details.

### VOLUNTEERS FOR ON-LINE WORSHIP SERVICE

We are currently in need of more volunteers to help with the production of our on-line service. As we have moved through Covid, I think that most of us have appreciated the ministry that has allowed us to take part in Rev. Roberto DeSandoli's services while remaining safely in our homes. It has reached out and touched not only those of us who call St. Andrew's home, but many others who have found St. Andrew's while browsing on the internet. None of the skills needed are very demanding but would make a huge difference in the workload of our production team for our on-line service. If you are interested in helping out, or would like to learn more, please call the office (306-242-0525) and leave your name, and someone will get back to you.

### CHURCH MUSICIANS NEEDED

Dear Friends,

The Worship and Music Committee, on behalf of the Session, invites any and all who wish to participate in music during worship services from now until the end of December to contact Rev. Roberto.

We seek people willing to accompany congregational singing and the choir on either the piano or the organ. We also seek people willing to provide music for the offertory, prelude and postlude, and other special music offerings.

Please indicate in what form, and for how many Sundays, you would be willing to provide music ministry during worship services.

Please also do not hesitate to suggest other people who might be willing to provide music ministry.

With thanks,

The Worship and Music Committee.



The latest "**These Days**", the daily devotional for October, November and December, has arrived in the office. If you would like a copy, please contact the office, and we can make that happen.

## **BIKE- WALK CLUB**

One of our Club goals is to participate Biking and Walk in the Ride for Refuge. We welcome all bikers and walkers to come to ride that day!! Read below for more info or Call Martha 306 270 2378

If you would like to bike ride on **Saturday, October 2, 2021**, for the **PWS&D Ride for Refuge** please contact the office and be part of St. Andrew's Saskatoon Team for 2021. So far we have at least 7 riders, Allan Ireland, Rev. Roberto, Alicia Monson Martha Fergusson, Ayen Malek members, and the Tabien Family. You are welcome to come down to the church at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 2, 2021, and meet for the ride. People choose their own distance as they are able. All ages welcome and we will have covid -19 supplies in place for a healthy, safe, and meaningful ride.

Read the information to learn more but we already registered the team -see below the other post about donating.

<https://presbyterian.ca/search-results/?cx=xyz&q=ride+for+refuge>

## **Missed out on a worship service?**

If you are looking for a service you missed, or want to see information in a previous bulletin, simply follow these steps:

1) Visit [standrews-saskatoon.com](http://standrews-saskatoon.com)

2) Scroll down just below this week's video until you see the date of the service you are looking for and click on it

3) You can now click the video box to watch the service and the "(date)\_bulletin" to see the bulletin



## **SUNDAYS**

**10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

**Roots** – older elementary and high school youth

Meeting ID: 867 4107 9007

## ***Our Wider Community***

### **Why is September 30 being recognized federally as a holiday?**

This commemoration day is a response to the Calls to Action. Here is a bit of background to put the day in the context of why it is happening and the roots of it becoming a holiday.

In June 2015, the TRC presented The Calls to Action which is an appeal to mobilize all levels of government, organizations, as well as individuals, to make changes in society. They list specific actions to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian Reconciliation.

The 94 Calls to Action are instruments of reconciliation; these documents should be read with the 10 principles of reconciliation and the 46 articles of the United Nations Declaration and the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30 is a response to #80 of the Calls to Action.

### **Under the section Toward Conciliation/ commemoration, Action,80 recommends**

We call upon the federal government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, to establish, as a statutory holiday, a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to honour survivors, their families and communities, and ensure the public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process.

The above information is sourced from [www.nctc.ca](http://www.nctc.ca) and this site provides more information.

## Sharing Hope Through Presbyterians Sharing

When we give to Presbyterians Sharing, we participate in God's mission together, expressing our faith through our actions and decisions. Together, we build strong congregations, serve vulnerable people, walk with Indigenous people, seek justice and share Christ's love around the world. We are there when a prisoner in Malawi discovers Christ's love through Bible study, and when a congregation adapts to meet community needs in new ways. We are there when a child receives a healthy snack and after-school support from an inner-city ministry, and when theological students in Canada, Malawi, Nigeria, Ghana and Beirut graduate, ready to shine Christ's light. On Presbyterians Sharing Sunday, we celebrate the mission and ministry we share together, as we proclaim God's love, hope, faith and grace in the world God loves. When we put our gifts in God's hands, God does remarkable things!



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### DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, September 26** On **Presbyterians Sharing Sunday**, we give thanks for the faithful generosity of congregations across Canada as we share in mission and ministry together through Presbyterians Sharing.

**Monday, September 27** We pray for stewardship committees planning fall stewardship campaigns.

**Tuesday, September 28** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Brandon in Manitoba.

**Wednesday, September 29** We give thanks and pray for those who are beginning a term as presbytery moderator. May they lead with hope and serve with kindness.

**Thursday, September 30** We pray for the wisdom to see clearly the reality of racism and bigotry in the institutions of our country so that we may work to challenge and uproot these institutionalized concepts in ourselves, our churches and our society.